Nottingham, March 30, 1797.

ADDRESS

TO THE

Inhabitants of *Nottingham* and its *Vicinity*.

IN conſequence of the recent Addreſs to the Inhabitants of *Nottingham* and its *Vicinity*, recommending a Petition to the Throne in the preſent alarming Criſis of the Nation, for the removal of his Majeſty's Miniſters as the neceſſary ſtep to that Peace ſo ardently deſired, and the redreſs of thoſe abuſes which if continued, render Peace or War almoſt a matter of indifference; the following Petition is preſented to the good ſenſe and Patriotiſm of the Public. Without influence or one perſonal application, it makes its appeal to every individual mind, and for the purpoſe of receiving Signatures will lie at the EXCHANGE HALL every day from the hour of Nine in the Morning till Six in the Evening, from Friday March 31ſt, till ~~Tueſday~~ Saturday April 15th,

COPY OF THE PETITION.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

SIRE,

THE Inhabitants of the Town of *Nottingham* and its *Vicinity*, reſpectfully approach the Throne in the hour of ſevere Calamity, to ſupplicate from your Majeſty that intervention of your Royal Prerogative, which may ſave our Country from the ruin which hangs over it.

We lament a War which experience has proved to have had no public object in view, nor to have been capable of producing one public good. In an evil hour the Sword was drawn, and as if Heaven abhorred the act, its progreſs has been marked only with deſtruction to our Country. In the ſhort courſe of four years, except the unſullied honor of the Britiſh Navy and Army, whatever has been deemed to conſtitute the Glory of Britain has been humbled to the duſt. Its Conſtitution has been trampled on, its Laws have been perverted, its liberties undermined, its Blood and Treaſure have been waſted with a prodigality of which Hiſtory reports no example, its Manufactures and Commerce have rapidly declined, with diminiſhed reſources Taxes have been multiplied beyond human ſufferance, Poverty ſtalks through the Land with Giant ſtrides, and to fill up the meaſure of diſtreſs, the National Credit is blaſted, and portends that rapid and ſweeping ruin, which only the iuterpoſition of the moment can arreſt.

To the Folly, the Incapacity, the Obſtinacy, and the Political Depravity of thoſe Miniſters to whom the Reins of Government have been committed, we aſcribe the War and all its Train of Evils. It is therefore our reſpectful and earneſt Prayer, that your *Majeſty* would remove thoſe Miniſters for-ever from your Preſence and Councils, as the firſt ſtep to that Peace which the Nation ſighs after, and the only means of reviving, as far as is poſſible, that National Proſperity and Glory which may yet be hoped for.

In this Prayer we equally conſult the duty which we owe to our Country, and what true Loyalty to your Majeſty's Perſon and Dignity require.

And your Petitioners will ever Pray.